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Senate

The Senate met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable ZELL MILLER, a Senator from the State of Georgia.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

God is good all the time; all the time God is good! We say with the psalmist, "I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."—Psalm 27:13.

What do we mean when we affirm that You are good? You have taught us, dear God, that Your goodness is Your impeccable consistency. We always can depend on You to be the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. You do not play favorites; You treat all Your children the same. It is only humankind that withholds Your blessings of justice, mercy, and plenty from some of Your people. Or we tolerate customs, laws, or social prejudices that block Your goodness being offered to all.

If we say with the psalmist, "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits, the God of our salvation!"—Psalm 68:19, then help us, generous Lord, to be to others as kind, caring, and forgiving, just as you have been to us. May it be said of us, "He/she is good all the time!" Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Honorable ZELL MILLER led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 13, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ZELL MILLER, a Senator from the State of Georgia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. MILLER thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. The Chair will shortly announce that the first hour of the Senate today will be morning business, until 10 a.m. The first half of that time is under the control of the majority leader. It is my understanding that Senator STABENOW will be here to talk about pharmaceutical products. The second half of the time will be under the control of the Republican leader.

At 10, we will begin consideration of the terrorism insurance bill. We have waited a long time to be able to have this measure on the floor. Industries all over America, for months, have been telling us this is necessary. I hope those people who don't want this legislation passed—and there are some—will offer their amendments and take whatever verdict the Senate renders and not try to stall and kill this legislation. If that is the case, I think the majority leader would have no alternative but to file a cloture motion.

There is ample time to amend this legislation. I think both leaders acknowledge the importance of this legislation and the need to move on. So if

there is an effort to stall, after a period of time the majority leader will again have to make a determination as to whether a cloture motion will be filed. I hope that is not the case and that it moves forward. We almost passed it by unanimous consent before the Christmas break. Since that time, things have gotten worse instead of better. We have construction projects that are coming to a halt because they cannot obtain terrorism insurance. It has become extremely important that we do something about this. I hope we as a Senate can move forward.

Mr. President, the chair has some business to conduct.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 10 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each. Under the previous order, the first half of the time shall be under the control of the majority leader or his designee.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Michigan.

THE HIGH COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, it is a pleasure to be here again this morning speaking about one of the most important topics to touch American families, seniors, and businesses. The entire economy, right now, is struggling with the explosion of health care costs. Most of those relate to the crisis of prescription drugs.

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